



# ARPA FOOD PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK

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Presentation to Health Services Advisory Board

*June 7, 2022*



# SUSTAINABLE, EQUITABLE, AND LOCAL FOOD SOURCING PROGRAM & POLICY FRAMEWORK



- On June 8, 2021, the Board voted on the American Rescue Plan Act framework which included the following \$20M for food assistance.
- On January 25, 2022, the Board approved implementation of the Sustainable, Equitable, and Local Food Sourcing Program; and directed the development of a Sustainable, Equitable, and Local Food Sourcing Policy and a **return to the Board to provide the policy framework.**



# BOARD PRIORITIES



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- The Sustainable, Equitable, and Local Food Sourcing Program will establish and implement a comprehensive values-based food purchasing Program and Policy within the County that will ensure public dollars are being invested in more sustainable, equitable, and local food systems.
- Alignment with Board's priorities:
  - Climate Action Plan
  - Realignment in Contracting
  - Zero Carbon Future
  - Declaring Racism a Public Health Crisis
  - Data-Driven and Equitable Response to COVID-19
  - Sustainability Initiative
  - 2022-27 Strategic Plan

# HEALTH IMPACT: OUTCOME MEASURES



## Sustainable, Equitable, and Local Food Sourcing

- Decrease in pounds of CO2 equivalent emissions.
- Decrease in chronic disease risk and annual healthcare costs for the populations served.



# VALUES-BASED FOOD SOURCING



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1. Local  
Sourcing



2. Equity-  
Informed  
Sourcing



3. Elevated  
Labor  
Standards



4. Organic or  
Regenerative  
Certification

5. Low-  
Carbon  
Intensity



6. Nutritional  
Co-Benefit



# SUSTAINABLE, EQUITABLE, & LOCAL FOOD SOURCING PROGRAM & POLICY FRAMEWORK



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## Purpose

- The framework guides development of a policy to institutionalize a comprehensive, values-based food and beverage procurement program that ensures that County of San Diego food service operation purchases positively impact a sustainable, local, and equitable food system.

## Background

- Values-based food sourcing prioritizes principles that go beyond the bottom-line when deciding which food items to purchase. The County is embracing this opportunity to support farmers and producers who operate with values outlined in this Framework.

## Values

- Local sourcing, equity-informed sourcing, elevated labor standards, organic or regenerative certification, low-carbon intensity, and nutritional co-benefit



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## ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS



### ***Data Requirements***

Collect, maintain, and submit all food and beverage procurement data from all County food service operations annually and upon request.



### ***Food Service Contracts***

Include food and beverage procurement data collection requirements in all County food service contracts upon amendment or re-procurement.



### ***Action Planning & Collaboration***

Develop, implement, and maintain annual values-based procurement action plans. Action plans will include goals and SMART objectives that increase purchasing in value areas. Each objective will inform the program's benchmarks.

Collaborate with County Food Services Leadership Committee and other values-based food procurement peer forums, as appropriate.



### ***Implementing & Monitoring***

Include implementation and monitoring of increased purchasing in value areas and associated benchmarks.

Communicate values, best practices, lessons learned, and successes

## Sustainable, Equitable, and Local Food Sourcing Program & Policy Framework

- Aging and Independence Services
- Edgemoor
- Psychiatric Hospital
- Polinsky Children's Center
- PSG: Sheriff's Department and Probation Department
- FG3: Department of General Services
- LUEG: Food System Initiative and Parks and Recreation

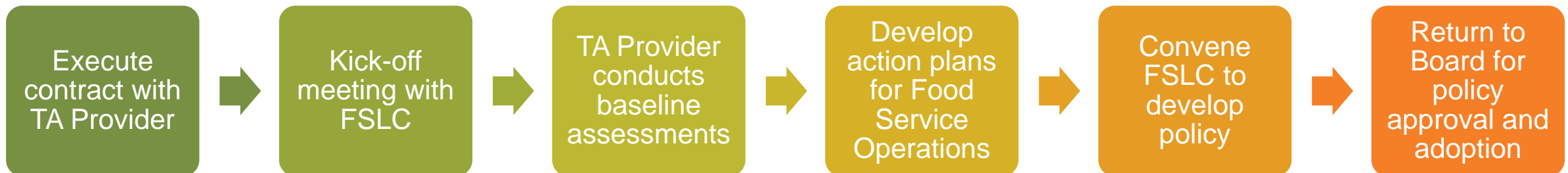




# TIMELINE



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\*FSLC = County Food Services Leadership Committee

# Recommendations



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- Receive and approve the Sustainable, Equitable, and Local Food Sourcing Program and Policy Framework Plan.
- Return in 18 months for adoption of final Sustainable, Equitable, and Local Food Sourcing Policy.
- Authorize the Director, of the Health and Human Services Agency, to apply for additional funding opportunity announcements, if available, to support food assistance projects in San Diego County.



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# INSTITUTIONAL FOOD PROCUREMENT



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## **Self-Operated**

(e.g., Sheriff's  
Department and  
Edgemoor Hospital)

## **Contracted**

(e.g., Probation, AIS  
Senior Meals,  
Polinsky Children's  
Center, Psychiatric  
Hospital)

## **Leased**

(e.g., County  
Operations Center  
Café)

**Total Food Spend =  
~\$20,000,000**

# INSTITUTIONAL FOOD PROCUREMENT



## ESTIMATED FOOD SPEND FOR THE VARIOUS COUNTY FOOD SERVICE OPERATORS:

COSD Group - Food Service Operation	Food Spend Amount
Sheriffs	\$12,850,000
ALS Senior Meals	\$3,090,530
Edgemoor	\$1,184,964
Probation (Juvenile Detention Facilities)	\$1,077,127
PHS HIV/AIDS Meals	\$257,025
Polinsky Children's Center	\$236,000
Psychiatric Hospital	\$223,236

COSD Group - Food Service Operation	Food Spend Amount
DGS – County Cafeterias and Vending	\$0